

STATE OF THE PARISH: JANUARY 2018 - JANUARY 2019

Number of Households: 3,704

Number of Ministries: 62

Our Parish Mission & Our Vision for Evangelization & Discipleship:

Be Disciples. Make Disciples. "In welcoming all, we form disciples who know, love, and serve God and neighbor."

Evangelization (our overarching goal)

- Developed Parish Roadmap for Evangelization and Discipleship and began phased implementation through a parish staff retreat, Fall Leadership Summit and rollout of the five words that express our process of disciple formation: WELCOME, ENCOUNTER, GROW, SERVE, SHARE
 - Prominently displayed Parish Roadmap and five words of disciple formation in the Narthex.
 - Initiated transition of Evangelization-Stewardship Council to Evangelization-Discipleship Council and created "goal teams" to focus on each of the five words. Collaborated with Parish Advisory Council, who serve as team members on each of the goal teams.

A disciple WELCOMES God's people.

As a community of faith, we welcome all who come through our doors as Jesus Christ, and we challenge each member of Good Shepherd to practice radical hospitality by actively seeking out and inviting others to Good Shepherd.

Hospitality

- Good Shepherd continues to be recognized as a very welcoming and hospitable parish.
- We are reformatting how we welcome our new parishioners and had our first quarterly New Member Welcome Gathering in October. The gathering included introductions to our friars, staff, ministries, parish history from Father Richard and concluded with a tour of our campus.

Facilities

- Continued facility upgrades, with A/V installations, painting as well as decorating in our Shepherd Center, and a campus signage initiative that is underway.
- Began construction drawings for the Franciscan Center for Evangelization located on HWY 26 and renovations to begin spring 2019.

Parish Communications

- Updated our website to embody the welcoming spirit of Good Shepherd. This website is designed for both long-time parishioners as well as visitors and seekers, featuring a "New Here?" section and an online calendar for easy access to event details.
- Redesigned our bulletin to 1) focus on reaching out to visitors and seekers, and to 2) highlight how the five characteristics of a disciple are at the heart of all our ministries at Good Shepherd.
- Modified our e-newsletter to include consistent weekly sections and a list of upcoming dates and links for ministry offerings and events.
- Began utilizing new monitors in the Shepherd Center for displaying parish announcements.

A disciple ENCOUNTERS Jesus Christ.

We desire that parishioners, seekers, and guests experience the love of God the Father through a transformative encounter with Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, leading them to commit their lives to Jesus as disciples.

Liturgy/Worship

- Began celebrating Franciscan Feast Days & Solemnities at daily Mass.
- Created bulletin inserts for Holy Days and Feast Days to help parishioners better understand their Liturgical significance.
- Hired Joseph Kerr, FT Facilitator of Audio-Visual & Scheduling, to serve not only our A/V needs in the church but assist with a multitude of special events and ministries that are scheduled throughout our campus.
- Received generous donations of instruments as well as purchased new equipment to improve the sound quality in the church.
- Offered a variety of new worship experiences, including Champion of Love (May) and a REQUIEM Concert (November).
- Formed a Music Ministry Team, serving as an advisory group to the Director of Worship, Brian Bacon.
- Implemented Planning Center Services to store and organize the Music Library and serve as the scheduling portal for all of Music Ministry.
- Purchased new Parish Hymnal: Glory & Praise, Third Edition – includes Hymns, Mass Settings, Responsorial Psalm, and Readings for the 3-year cycle.

Spirituality

- Hosted Lenten Parish Renewal with Father Agustino Torres, CFR, and an Advent Parish Renewal with Paul George and The Vigil Project.
- Offered three ENCOUNTERS: A Eucharistic Event that includes praise and worship, reconciliation, adoration and prayer teams.
- Enhanced Vocations Awareness and Promotions: Vocations Corner in the bulletin features insights into vocations towards religious life and the priesthood, including biographies on the Franciscan Friars TOR and features on religious communities. Visits have been made to colleges in Texas and beyond, and Good Shepherd is featured in the Franciscan Friars newsletter, with more personal connections to our friars in formation.

Pastoral Care

Under the leadership of the pastor, resident priests provide pastoral care for the salvation of souls through the celebration of Mass, the Sacraments, and individual consultation. The Friars have oversight responsibility for pastoral care provided by friars, the staff and volunteers, such as visitation of the sick and homebound, sacramental preparation, Stephen Ministry, and catechesis in faith and morals.

- 95 Baptisms, 176 First Communion, 182 Confirmations, 55 Sacraments of Holy Matrimony, 28 Annulments and 36 Funerals.
- Serving 7 adult living facilities and 45 Catholic residents by 46 trained ministers who provide Communion services, visit with residents, and assist with monthly Masses. We also have 30 ministers who regularly visit the homebound and hospital.
- Marriage on Tap (merging date night and faith formation for married couples) - 60 couples
- Marriage and Family Counseling - 20 families
- Divorce Care - beginning January 2019

A disciple GROWS in Jesus Christ.

We accompany all who have made a commitment to follow Christ as intentional disciples, walking with them and encouraging them to grow in divine intimacy with God.

Lifelong Faith Formation

Enrollment:

Young Disciple Adventures (K – 4th Grade): 515

Middle Ministries (5th – 8th): 323

Renovate (9th – 12th): 298; students preparing for Confirmation: 202

Young Adults (20's – 30's): 20, but a growing ministry!

Adult Scripture Studies: 412

- Continued to expand Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) with Rites (of Welcome, Acceptance, Full Communion and Sacraments of Initiation) being offered throughout the year.
- Expanded Alpha to two course offerings per week in summer, fall, and spring.
- Began Men's Tuesday Morning Scripture Study this fall.
- Grew Men's Rosary & Discipleship over the past year to 80+ attendees weekly on Saturday mornings; a variety of formation programs such as an Introduction to the Catechism class and Kapaun's Men studies on Stewardship and Virtues.
- Hosted Family Fully Alive conference in September 2018 with Greg and Julie Alexander, providing marriage enrichment to 100 couples.
- Offered Women's Day of Reflection in October 2018 with Sonja Corbett attended by 100 women; many to participate in newly formed disciple groups in 2019.

A disciple SERVES God's people.

We give our grateful response to God's gifts through a life of service to God and neighbor by daily personal prayer, by generously supporting the needs of the Church, and by participating in parish ministries and initiatives.

Mission and Outreach Services

- Thanks to our parishioners' generosity, more than \$258,000 was used in 2018 to help people in need both near and far through our ChristCare outreach program, partnerships with local outreach agencies, our Honduras Mission Program and the Servite Mission Program in Zululand, South Africa. This amount is a 9% increase from last year's mission and outreach initiatives.
- Launched the Senior Emergency Relief Fund to help our senior parishioners in need, and ongoing toiletries collection program to serve our homeless brothers and sisters in Fort Worth.
- Celebrated the 10-year anniversary of our covenant partnership with Fray Casimiro Cypher Technical and Professional Institute in Honduras, and the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, which our mission program funded, was completed and blessed by Bishop Jose Bonello in April 2018.
- For the first time in five years, two members of the Mission-Outreach Council were given permission from our bishop to travel to Campamento, Honduras, in April as missionaries to see first-hand the fruits of our mission program there.
- In June, 13 adults and teens went on a mission trip to Houston, where they worked on many repair and renovation projects for a family whose home was severely damaged in Hurricane Harvey. Recovery from Hurricane Harvey is expected to take 10 years so we are hoping that 50 parishioners will return to Houston on a mission trip this coming June.

Discipleship

- Offered a Called & Gifted spiritual gifts discernment retreat attended by nearly 100 parishioners with plans to host two training retreats in February and March 2019.
- Began new "Set and Strike ministry" to assist in setting up for large parish events.

Parish Governance

The Pastor has oversight responsibility for the teaching, governing and sanctifying of the parish in collaboration with the Bishop while all the friars, staff, and volunteers provide consistent cooperation and administration in these areas for our parish and our parish school, Holy Trinity Catholic School, as well as promoting Catholic education at Nolan Catholic high school.

- Holy Trinity Catholic School has named Kristy Webb as Director of Development.
- Father Richard meets weekly with his servant lead team in managing day to day operations and ongoing strategic planning.

Finances

- To help us maintain a strong financial position, we are asking parishioners to increase weekly contributions by 1%.

A disciple SHARES the Gospel.

We are empowered as Spirit-filled missionary disciples to share the Good News of the saving victory of Jesus Christ in our families, places of work, friendships, and neighborhoods.

Social Initiatives

- Super Casino Night proceeds of \$100,000 benefitted Holy Trinity Catholic School, Cassata High School, Catholic Charities Fort Worth, Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth Seminarian Fund, Franciscan Friar Retirement Fund, the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur, and GSCC Scholarships for Seniors.
- Men's Club and Women's Group combined to host this year's Christmas Dinner Party. Special guests included our friars and the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur. Santa's sleigh was also there and was filled with many toys that were donated to our GSCC Outreach partner, SafeHaven.
- Annual Parish Breakfast with St. Nicholas, hosted by the Men's Club, was once again a success.
- Annual Trunk or Treat was sponsored in a combined effort with the Knights of Columbus and Holy Trinity Catholic School. \$547 was raised for Holy Trinity Catholic School tuition assistance fund.